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Kleinhans

Superstar Cooled To Flashbu'b Pop: That's Al Green

By DALE ANDERSON

It wasn't so long ago that the heavily critical crowds at Harlem's Apollo Theater were giving standing ovations to Al Green.

Of course that was before the 25-year-old soul singer from Michigan by way of Forrest City, Ark., became virtually everyone's best New Vocalist of 1972. He's a superstar now and that's cooled him out.

His nearly full-house first show in Kleinhans Music Hall Sunday night wasn't a soul-satisfying bonfire of a performance at all. It was more like a flashbulb — one blinding realization and then spots in your eyes.

Sure, there was that one bonafide rush when he first came on, throwing long-simmered cures to those fans who'd jammed the first aisles. The temptsperers screamed.

And he looked so . . . well, nice. That bluish suit with the yellow stripes, the yellow shirt and bright Hawaiian tie. So yellow soon the very model of a b-y banana.

HIS FIRST number was a lengthy workout which started him on the straight-ahead soft end of his range and ran on out to the cooing and shouting of his masterful heavy side.

His second tune went much the same way. So did the third, the fourth, the fifth. Boredom. The same boredom that strikes you midway through his hit, "Let's Stay Together."

The 10-member Enterprise Band (four horns) provided him a plush and comfortable setting. All done in about 35 minutes, everyones saving time and energy for the soldout second show. It couldn't have been much better.

Green's a teddy bear, a non-showman, apparently no longer willing to dig into that bottomless well and give his soul away, a style that may appeal to anyone who's tired of that macho pose. Could this be another case of the Roberta Flack syndrome?

IN CONTRAST was the lead-off vocal trio, The Main Ingredient, which had a hit last fall with "Everybody Plays the Fool." They knew which arias and dips and flashes would thrill the screamers, and they played them for all they were worth.

Vocally tight, backed by a thoroughly competent four-piece band, they mostly recreated their recorded sound, smooth ballads and mid-tempo stomps, drawing out a few endings.

Things the show could have done without were emcee Dee Allen (it's introduction of two fellow WBLK deejays and the comedian, black guy from Chicago named Herb Tarpet, who trucked all the usual comedy topics with all the usual laughs. He was on for 20 big minutes.

AL GREEN
Encore Successful

At the Rivoli

B'ue Oyster Cult Plays Pure Rock, And It's Great

By BILLY ALTMAN

The Blue Oyster Cult roared into the old Rivoli Theater Sunday night, and though there were only a few hundred people on hand for the first rock concert in the old movie house, I doubt that those there will ever forget this scene. It was one of the finest performances I've seen any band give, anywhere or anytime.

The Cult play straight-ahead rock and roll with no holds barred. They are led by ex-rock critic Sandy Pearlman and Richard Meltzer (he of the famous "tongue" theory of rock) writes songs for them. The band's "concept" is to incorporate the best of the last 10 years of rock, but emerge as a sound all its own, and a style virtually unequalled in all of rockdom.

EACH MEMBER of the band seems to embody the essence of his respective position. Lead singer Eric Bloom dresses in leather, wears sunglasses and points menacingly at the audience as he brandishes his chains. Lead guitarist Buck Dharma plays as fast as I've ever seen anyone play, and his solos are fierce, yet strangely melodic and well thought out.

The Bouchard brothers, Albert and Joe, handle the rhythm section perfectly. Little Albert drums with confidence and cool, and Joe is progressively a hot savage bassist with big hair. And handy man Alan Lanier is the band's secret weapon on second guitar and science-fiction organ.

THEIR SET included the very best songs of their first album (a new one is due any day now). "Transmisiscon Mc" tells the story of Altamont from the Hell's Angels point of view, and the main riff of the song sounds more like motorcycles revving than bikes do. "Buck's Boogie" is Buck's instrumental workout, lightning fast and overpowering all. "Cities on Flame with Rock and Roll," sung by Albert, could very well become the anthem of the decade with visions of skyscrapers crumbling and steel mentions under sheer force of rock music.

And their encore is the only song that could possibly end a show like theirs. Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild." It all ends in an electric overload and a swirl of smoke, with Buck and Eric darting with their guitars.

My ears are still ringing as I write this, but if I'm deaf for a week, I don't care. The Blue Oyster Cult mowed me down with their bulldozers of sound, and I love it.

Philharmonic at the Studio

Concertmaster and Winds Dare Difficult Program

By JOHN DWYER

This was certainly different, a Philharmonic chamber orchestra of wind instruments and one of the least-heard concertos of the half-century, featuring concertmaster Charles Haupt.

It was probably too different for expectations of a really large attendance. The hardcore chamber audience was pretty much on its own for this final "Philharmonic at the Studio" series concert on Sunday afternoon in the Studio Arena Theater.

The program under Melvin Strauss presented contemporary music of the 20th century for Violin and Wind Band by Igor Stravinsky and Symphonies of Wind Instruments and the Mozart Serenade K361 in B Flat for Wind Instruments.

This is an important series in an excellent downtown playhouse, and it's quite neglectful not to furnish progressive chamber-music devotees, and dedicated ones-are well, with program notes.

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Amherst Symphony

'Americana' Theme Contrasted by Bit Of French Whimsy

By HERMAN TROTTER

Hugo sketches, rear stage, of Washington, Lincoln and Uncle Sam with broad capsule outpost in patriotic mood solo before we heard a note that Amherst Symphony evening's concert was to be "Americana."

Amherst Central Junior High was the place, Joseph Wincenc the conductor, and Deborah Erthenbeck, young area pianist now on a teaching fellowship at North Texas State University, was the featured soloist.

To open proceedings, Mr. Wincenc had kept the tendonously bouncy rhythms of Copland's "An Outdoor Overture" going along at a brisk pace and the scoring for brass was handled well.

For the major work of the evening, however, France nudged America aside, Miss Erthenbeck choosing to play the Poulenc Piano Concerto. Up to the last movement it's rather straightforward going for the soloist. For long stretches the piano is treated as an orchestral member than a solo instrument. Here, Miss Erthenbeck seemed to have a good grasp of the Poulenc idiom, and when the piano was given more prominence in the last movement she played with rhythmic freedom.

Quite honestly, I loved it as pure music. But it is not a good virtuoso vehicle, and it didn't allow Miss Erthenbeck much of a display of her artistry.

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